

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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Hochschuler et al.

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Application No.: 10/804,955

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TREATING A VERTEBRAL BODY

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Sir:

Applicants, through their attorney, expressly abandon the above-identified application,
but not the invention therein, in favor of Application No. 10/804,761, filed March 19, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

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